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1. EMBOFF PASSED SUBSTANCE STATE REFTEL TO NATO AFFAIRS DIRECTOR DEVER JULY 19. SHE SAID SHE WOULD BE TAKING THIS UP FOLLOWING DAY WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVINGNON AT HIS STAFF MEETING. ACCORDING TO DEVER, DISCUSSION BY EC NINE REPRESENTATIVES AT COPENHAGEN MEETING JULY 13 HAD BEEN INCONCLUSIVE. MANY REPRESENTATIVES WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND NONE WOULD TAKE FIRM LEAD. ATTITUDE AMONG NINE IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE BUT SHE DID NOT BELIEVE WESTERN EUROPEAN SUPPORT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL AT LEAST ONE OF THE LARGER COUNTRIES MADE POSITIVE AND SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENT. SHE SAID, WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPARENT REGRET, BELGIUM COULD NOT BE COUNTED UPON TO TAKE LEAD

SINCE FINDING NECESSARY FUNDS WAS EXPECTED TO CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH THE PARLIAMENT. THE MINISTRY COULD HANDLE EXPECTED PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION ONLY IF SUCH ACTION COULD BE PRESENTED AS REQUIRED IN THE NAME OF EC NINE SOLIDARITY.

2. DEVER READILY ACCEPTED EMBOFF'S DEFENSE RFE/RL AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN FURTHERING HUMAN CONTACTS AND OTHER IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES IN EAST/WEST RELATIONS. HOWEVER, SHE SAID THAT IN THIS PERIOD OF DETENTE IT WAS A DIFFICULT CONCEPT TO SELL TO PARLIAMENT AND TO THE PUBLIC. HER VIEW OF THE PROSPECTS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT WAS DECIDEDLY GLOOMY. BOOCHEVER

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